Reviewing of schemes for setting up industries in backward areas

*93. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the scheme for setting up of industries in backward areas through the 'No industry district' and 'backward district' classification has not achieved the desired results;

(b) whether any study has been made in this regard;

(c) if so, what are the results thereof;

(d) whether Government propose to review tre entire scheme in the light of the experience; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and by when a decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) to (e) The present incentive policy to take industry to backward areas has had a measure of sucess as may be seen from the number of Letters of Intent (IL) /Industrial Licences (IL) issued for setting up industries in backward areas from 1982 to 1985 (upto June) given below:

Year	Letters of Intent	Industrial Licence
1982	601	145
1983	664	317
1984	627	323
1985 (up to 30-6-1985	426	243

However, a number of suggestions have been received from State Governments about the incentives provided under this scheme and the Government have constituted an Inter-Ministerial Committee to review and revise the scheme of incentives for industrialisation of backward areas and No Industry Districts. The Committee will co-opt officers of State Governments from different regions in the country and is expected to submit its report by 31-12-85.

Delicensing of bulk drugs

*94. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have delicensed 82 bulk drugs recently;

(b) whether it is a fact that Indian Small Scale Manufacturers Association have represented to Government and expressed serious concern over the decision;

(c) whether it is feared that due to this decision of Government a number of small scale drug manufacturing units will be closed down; and

(d) what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Government has delicensed 12 bulk drugs/drug intermediates during March, 1985 and 82 bulk drugs and related formulations during June, 1985.

(b) This Ministry has not received any representation from Indian Small Scale Manuafcturers Association.

(c) and (d) According to the policy in force since 1978, non-MRTP non-FERA companies are eligible for DGTD registration for the manufacture of all drugs and pharmaceuticals approved for use in the country and not reserved for smal scale/public sector. The scheme of delicensing, as tions, is intended to further simplify the licensing procedures for non-FERA and non-MRTP companies in

respect of articles not reserved for the small scale sector, but does not dilute any existing policy parameters relating to the Drug Industry. Therefore, it is unlikely that any sector would be affected adversely by the scheme of delicensing as extended to drugs and pharmaceuticals.

Drilling by ONGC in Jawala Mukhi and Saruinsar

*95. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ONGC has finally decided to start drilling operations in Jawala Mukhi in Himachal and Saruinsar in Jammu.

(b) by when the drilling work is likely to be started at Saruinsar which has proven oil and gas potential; and

(c) how much staff is being posted for the work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA):

(a) ONGC has already drilled 4 wells in Jawalamukhi and one in Saruinsar. Some more locations have also been identified for drilling at these places.

(b) Drilling work in the Jammu & Kashmir is likely to start in the last quarter of 1985-86.

(c) At present, 161 persons are working in this project.

Drugs Euqalisation Fund

*96. DR. JOSEPH LEON D'SOUZA:

SHRI MIRZA IRSHADBAIG:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the purpose of Drugs Equalisation Fund Account;

(b) what is the total amount collected under this account from formulsors under para 7(2) of Drugs Price Conrol Order, 1979 since the inception of Price Control Order, 1979; year-wise;

(c) names of the companies, the items involved; and the amount collected from each company from 1979 to March, 1985;

(d) what are the details of the pending claims under this account alongwith names of the companies, amount involved and by when the same is likely to be collected;

(e) whether it is a fact that formulators have made crores of rupees as unintended profit and still the claims have not been filed against them; and

(f) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what steps are being taken in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) The purpose of Drugs Prices Equalisation Account is set out in paras 4 and 7 of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979.

(b) and (c) No amount has been collected under paragraph 7(2) from the manufacturers of formulations from the inception of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979.

(d) to (f) In exercise of the powers available under para 7(2)(a) of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979; my Ministry issued notices to a number of drug companies so as to recover the difference between the price of the bulk drugs allowed in the formulations and the actual cost of import/purchase. Based on the notices issued and the details received, amount due into the said account from some manufacturers have been calculated. The representations re-